



MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents and Principals

FROM: James Larson, Director of School Improvement & Turnaround
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SUBJECT: Reward School Status

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) congratulates the following schools for being identified as Reward Schools.

- Irvington Community School (Charter)
- Charles A. Tindley Accelerated School (Charter)
- KIPP Indianapolis College Preparatory (Charter)
- Renaissance Academy Charter School (Charter)
- Fayette Central Elementary School (Fayette County School Corporation)
- Bloomfield Elementary School (Jay School Corporation)
- Pennville Elementary School (Jay School Corporation)
- Harrison Elementary School (Warsaw Community Schools)
- Jefferson Elementary School (Warsaw Community Schools)
- Lincoln Elementary School (Warsaw Community Schools)
- James Whitcomb Riley School 43 (Indianapolis Public Schools)
- Carl Wilde School 79 (Indianapolis Public Schools)
- Meredith Nicholson School 96 (Indianapolis Public Schools)
- Arlington Woods Elementary School (Indianapolis Public Schools)
- Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet High School (Indianapolis Public Schools)
- George Washington Community High School (Indianapolis Public Schools)
- Ladoga Elementary School (South Montgomery Community School Corporation)
- Walt Disney Elementary School (Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation)
- Meadow's Edge Elementary School (Penn-Harris-Madison School Corporation)
- Dickinson Fine Arts Academy (South Bend Community School Corporation)
- Miami Elementary School (Lafayette School Corporation)
- Amelia Earhart Elementary School (Lafayette School Corporation)
- Columbia Elementary School (Rochester Community School Corporation)
- Lowell Elementary School (North Gibson School Corporation)
- Hamilton Heights Primary School (Hamilton Heights School Corporation)
- Sawmill Woods Elementary School (Clark-Pleasant Community School Corporation)

- Alexandria-Monroe Elementary (Alexandria Community School Corporation)
- Converse Elementary School (Oak Hill United School Corporation)
- Martha J. Ridpath Elementary School (Greencastle Community School Corporation)
- Deer Meadow Primary School (Greencastle Community School Corporation)
- Rose Hamilton Elementary School (Centerville-Abington Community Schools)
- Tri-County Primary School (Tri-County School Corporation)
- Washington Elementary (Fort Wayne Community Schools)

Per Indiana's NCLB Flexibility Waiver, Reward schools are Title I-served schools that show high growth or high achievement. This year, the IDOE awarded Reward school status to elementary, middle, and high schools. The methods used to select Reward schools were based on schools' grade configurations and the corresponding A through F model used to calculate schools' grades. In order to achieve Reward status, a school must meet the following criteria:

- Elementary/Middle School Model – a school must receive all possible bonus points
- Elementary Feeder Model – a school must receive a final letter grade of an A
- Standard High School Model – a school must receive 3 out of the possible 4 bonus points and not receive any penalties
- Eleven/Twelve High School Model – a school must receive a final letter grade of an A
- Nine/Ten High School Model – a school must receive a final letter grade of an A
- Small High School Model – a school must receive a final letter grade of an A
- Combined School Model – a school must receive a final letter grade of an A

Reward schools will receive a plaque to recognize its Reward school designation. The State Board of Education may also invite schools to present a "Spotlight on Learning" during one of its monthly meetings. Additionally, the school will be awarded bonus points on the 2012-2013 Innovation grant and Excellence in Performance grant.

If you have any questions regarding reward schools, please contact Jim Larson at jl Larson@doe.in.gov. Questions regarding school accountability may be submitted to schoolaccountability@doe.in.gov